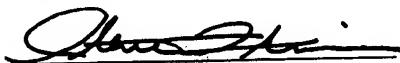


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Sir:

The Notice dated April 26, 2002 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 10, 2002.

In response, applicants now submit an original fully executed Declaration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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